States Government; opposition to extension of any loan by international financial institutions; prohibition on lending by any United States bank to the Government of India; and prohibition on exports of dual use goods and technology, particularly those relating to nuclear and missile development. The Indian economy had shown the resilence to withstand the impact of economic sanctions imposed by the United States. It is, however, expected that lifting of these restrictions will help enhancing trade and collaborative efforts in high technology areas with the United States.

Irregularities in Mortgaging KVP and IVP

211. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of branches of different Mumbai based nationalised banks wherein irregularities in mortgaging "Kisan Vikas Patras and Indira Vikas Patras" have been located by RBI, CBI and Ministry of Finance during the preceding three months;

(b) whether it is a fact that verification of genuineness of these Vikas Patras was not got done through issuing Post Office; and

(c) if so, details of the action taken against officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protection of Small Investors' Interest

212. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Centre to safeguard needs of investors" appearing in Asian Age, New Delhi on 24th October, 2001;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to safeguard the interest of small investors;